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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/045,829

Applicant(s)

CIRULLI ET AL.

Examiner

Y. Lee

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 August 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/12/05 has been entered.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 8/24/05. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to

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consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milson et al (6,115,062) in view of Brewer et al (5,891,607).

Milson et al, in Figures 1 and 2, discloses the same method for calibrating a motion picture film scanner as specified in claims 1-4 of the present invention, comprising the steps of providing a calibration element composed of a multi-step neutral gray series comprised of a plurality of known density patches (e.g. Table 1) that substantially represent the full density vs. exposure range of a photographic element (e.g. Fig. 2), wherein each density patch corresponds to a prescribed aim voltage (e.g. Table 3); scanning the calibration element with the motion picture film scanner and generating a signal voltage for each density patch (e.g. Table 6); and adjusting the motion picture film scanner to bring the signal voltages toward the prescribed aim voltages to enable color correction of video images (see Abstract), and also generating one or more adjustments that compensate for errors from the prescribed aim voltages and thus capture substantially the full dynamic range of the motion picture film (e.g. Table 5).

With respect to claims 2-4, Milson et al also discloses each density patch represents a unique RGB density corresponding to separate prescribed aim RGB voltages for each density patch (e.g. Table 6), wherein the steps of scanning the calibration element generates a set of RGB signal voltages for each density patch and adjusting the motion picture scanner brings the RGB signal voltages toward the

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prescribed RGB aim voltages, thereby generating adjustments that compensate for errors from the prescribed RGB aim voltages; wherein there are a plurality of interacting adjustments (e.g. Table 5) to bring the signal voltages toward the prescribed voltages, the step of adjusting the motion picture film scanner is a process of iteratively adjusting the plurality of adjustments to bring the signal voltages toward the prescribed voltages; wherein the process of iteratively adjusting the plurality of adjustments to bring the signal voltages toward the prescribed voltages is an automatic process (e.g. telecine process).

It is noted Milson et al differs from the present invention in that it fails to particularly disclose the exposure range is greater than 2.4. Brewer et al, however, illustrate the concept of such well known exposure range from 0 to 3 exposure units on a logarithmic scale.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, having both the references of Milson et al and Brewer et al before him/her, to exploit the full exposure range as taught by Brewer et al during the calibration of motion picture film scanner of Milson et al, in order to provide high dynamic range display capability for electronically modified or originated images in light sensitive photographic motion picture print material.

Response to Arguments

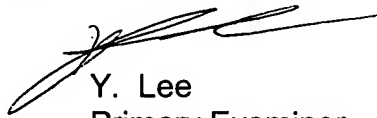
6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7334. The examiner can normally be reached on (571) 272-7334.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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